

CSHA Region 10 December 2007

Newsletter

No Meeting in December

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 16, 2008-Prunedale Library
7:00P.M

****Presidents Message: Cathleen Venn****

I am very exciting about the 2008 Region activities. Between youth, Royalty, Stock Competition, fundraising, and of course our horse shows we will have plenty of equine activities to participate in. We have several of the committee chair persons already in place and I will officially install the chairs at our January 16th general membership meeting. Until then they will be acting in their respective chair positions. For those that volunteered to take on a task, thank you! It is in this spirit that we accomplish success. I am certain that our members will be satisfied with the new committee chairs; each person chosen has impeccable qualifications to hold the position(s). I look forward to working towards reaching higher goals and carrying forth the CSHA mission in 2008 (located in bylaws: Article 1, Sec. 2.0). Know the "purpose" and receive a ticket for a drawing to be held at our January 16th general membership meeting!

Virginia and I attended the CSHA convention in November. I was amazed at the activities the youth had during the convention. They went bowling, enjoyed an ice cream social, had a movie/game night, as well as spent Saturday touring old town Sacramento. Our own Cody Smalley attended the four day convention, and I was honored to have him escort me to the installation dinner on Saturday evening, which was a formal affair.

It was an extremely busy and informative few days. There were 41 resolutions to our by laws. One such change that created much debate and confusion was to our current non-profit status. As it is written in our 501c3 charitable corporations each member is named as a "director", meaning every member is legally responsible for the activities and actions of CSHA. The proposed change was to follow California Corporate Law that states our 501c3 as a Public Benefit Corporation. In adopting these changes committee chairs would not be included as a voting member. Allowing CSHA to call Executive Committee meetings consisting of, State President, Immediate Past President,

First Vice President, Area Vice President, State Treasurer, Region President and Region Vice President, in adopting this proposal a quorum could be met allowing business to be conducted at other times not just during quarterlies. The resolution did pass and we should receive updated by laws in the near future.

Congratulations to HORSEMASTERSHIP for the very first time we received a beautiful perpetual trophy for, "MOST IMPROVED PARTICIPATION." The trophy will be on display at our January meeting for all to enjoy. Debbie Bellingham and Jennifer Ray prepared our participants for Show of Champions as seen we were very well represented in 2007.

Also while at convention Ellen El Bisi was awarded \$100 and a plaque for her beautifully written poem "Red". When the poem was recited it brought the audience to tears as she recalled her connection and pain of saying good-bye to an old horse named Red. I hope that she will submit a poem or two to our future news letters, congratulations Ellen!

Happy Holidays

Cathleen Venn, 2008 CSHA Region X, President

****Vice President's Message: Sandy Tantau****

Hello Friends, I hope you all are doing well and enjoying this holiday season. As your new Region X, Vice President my duties are to make sure all of our Region X members are current members of California State Horsemen's Association. Your membership is due January 1st if you need a CSHA membership renewal or new form please call me at 831- 768-1023 and I will send one to you, or you can go online at www.californiastatehorsemen.com and download a form, and mail it directly to CSHA before the deadline. Remember to make a photo copy with the date for your records!

May everyone have a safe an joyous holiday! I will see you all at the January meeting.

Sincerely,

Sandra Tantau

****Newsletter: Merrielee Merritt****

Happy Holidays! Beginning with the January issue I will be the newsletter editor for Region 10. I want to thank our outgoing newsletter editor, Rachelle Lightfoot, for the terrific job she did as editor and for her continued support of Region 10.

Some of the additions to the newsletter will be a youth column, spotlighting a member or sponsor of the month, adding a page for business card advertising, and we have plans for many more exciting features. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or features that you would like to run please let me know.

The email for the newsletter is csharegion10@yahoo.com. Please send all pictures and articles as attachments to your email or mail the originals to me. The deadline for monthly news will always be the third Friday of the month.

Here's wishing everyone a great show season and happy healthy horses!

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****English/Western News: Donald Barger****

Donald can be reached at 915 -8918. More information will be announced in January.

****Royalty Message: Brenda Reese****

Royalty & Youth Parade Report

Our region kids (and parents) have been busy. We've been to Hollister with 17 kids, and Salinas with 20 kids. *I hope you saw their picture Friday in the Salinas Californian, they looked real sharp.* We are looking forward to Pacific Grove on Dec. 6th with the float, and Carmel Valley on Dec. 8th with the float, and some of our members are planning on riding their horses at Carmel

Valley.

A huge thank you goes out to our parents & families. Donald Barger started the ball rolling by entering our region in all the winter holiday parades. We had a team of dads that built the float, while the kids and moms cleaned and tested the equipment. Thank you to our drivers, co pilots, decorators, family & friends. I think we have the largest cheering group at each parade we attend. Thank you to the many families who have supplied materials, decorations, lights, generators, trucks, the trailer and most of all their *time & support*. It's been a great bonding experience where long lasting friendships are being formed.

I plan to hold a royalty meeting after the holidays for all interested royalty members and parents. Look for this date to be announced in the January Newsletter.

We have been honored to have State Royalty join us in Hollister & Salinas, and look forward to them joining us in Pacific Grove and Carmel Valley. So write down Dec. 6th and Dec. 8th to come to the parades. They are open to all royalty and youth members. Hope to see you there. If I can be of any help contact me at 831-624-2829 hm, or 831-915-5133 cell, or email at reeseely@cs.com.

Happy Holidays Brenda Reese

*****REGION 10 EVENTS*****

Attention: Parade Schedule

Please contact Brenda Reese at 831-915-8918

****December 06, 2007: Pacific Grove Parade of Lights on Thursday. We will start decorating at 4:30 pm and the Parade starts at 6:00 pm.**

****December 08, 2007: Carmel Valley Santa Fly in on Saturday. This is a daytime parade and we will start the decorating at 10:00 am, with the parade starting at 11:00am.**

****Livestock & Land Seminar****

Managing Horse Properties in Winter

Topics include:

- Reducing mud and runoff
- Geotextiles and footing for paddocks
- Useful manure management tips
- Aerated Static Pile manure composting
- Natural insect and dust control

Saturday, December 8th

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

101 Livestock

4400 Hwy 101, Aromas, CA

****2008 Region 10 Officers and Chairs****

To be announced at January meeting

*****2007 REGION 10 SPONSORS*****

Region 10 thanks all of our sponsors and encourages everyone to patronize their businesses.

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****Western Horse Show Fashion Clinic 11: Boots****

By Suzanne Drnec

"Show boots really don't 'show' in the arena, so choose comfort over flash in choosing boots for your Western show wardrobe."

In this series, we've almost completed building your Western show wardrobe, but a few details remain. This time, let's talk about Western boots.

Both you and your horse need good footwear to put in great performances. Fortunately, people shoes are much easier to deal with than horse shoes. Your boots will last for years instead of six weeks, and you hopefully won't pull off a boot and lose it in a muddy pasture. Nonetheless, there are several important considerations when selecting boots as a finishing touch to your show ring presentation. Before you buy, let's examine construction, safety, comfort, and style to see how they'll affect your next purchase of Western boots.

Today's Western boots are not the same animal as those made even a few years ago. High-tech innovations are changing the way most boots are made, including molded one-piece soles with gel inserts and carbon fiber shanks (reinforcements) and other advances. Compared to traditional leather soles, these composite soles usually last much longer, seal out moisture better, and are often more comfortable than traditional leather, but on the downside, high-tech soles usually cannot be re-soled like leather. The other popular choice in Western boots soles today is a synthetic crepe material that is thicker and softer than leather, insulates and pads well and makes a terrific sole if you stand around in boots all day.

Whether boots have leather, crepe, or technical soles, the sole is usually glued and stitched to the uppers. In inexpensive boots, the uppers (both the foot and the shaft, or leg, portion of the boot) may be of a synthetic vinyl or plastic material, but leather--an animal hide that can be anything from cowhide to crocodile, ostrich, whip snake, or even eel-is the material of choice for boots. Leather stretches, breathe, and dries in such a way that your boots will let your feet be more comfortable because they will be cooler than in a synthetic boot. While synthetic boots are attractively priced and a decent choice for small children, investing in leather boots with leather linings is good value for comfort if you'll wear your boots for more than a few hours.

There's an important safety consideration for riding boots: they must fit your foot well but they must also be compatible with the stirrups you use to allow your foot to slip from the stirrup in an emergency. If you and your horse part ways, you don't want your boot to catch in the stirrup and drag the rest of your body along with a frightened horse. For safety's sake, avoid thick crepe-soled boots for riding unless you know that they will slip free of your stirrups.

Most Western stirrups are about 5" wide at their broadest point, but the mostly-flat part of the tread is only about 4". Double-welted crepe soled boots in a women's size 9 medium measure nearly 4" across, versus about 3 1/4" for leather double-welted soles- and that extra three-fourths of an inch makes the crepe boots much too snug to be safe in a standard stirrup. The crepe soles also look odd in a stirrup many times, as they are often a very noticeable pale cream color that will look like you are wearing water skis with dark chaps. Stick to composite or leather soles for show, and by all means enjoy comfortable crepe as a work boot, or allow plenty of extra safety width in a stirrup.

Another safety consideration is the boot's heel design. Very high under slung heels are sometimes considered a drawback for riding as they too can catch on the stirrup in an emergency. Though a great traditional look for buckaroo horsemen, high heels are another "don't bother" design in the show ring. A boot's tops don't have much impact on safety, especially as they are usually wrapped by a layer of chaps and a layer of pants, but moderate heels and slim soles are worth looking for. Tip: if you find leather soles slip too easily out of your stirrups, wrap your stirrup treads with a few layers of Vetrap in a color that blends with the stirrup for better traction.

Remember, you'll never get a second chance to make a first impression, so strive to create a winning impression the moment you step into the ring!

****Glossary of Horse terms****

Hock: Financial condition of all horse owners.

Stall: What your rig does at rush hour in an unfamiliar city on the way to a big horse show

A Bit: What you have left in your pocket after you've been to your favorite tack shop.

Fence: Decorative structure built to provide your horse with something to chew on.

Horse Auction: What you think of having after your horse bucks you off.

Pinto: Green coat pattern found on freshly washed light colored horses left unattended for 2 minutes.

Well Mannered: Hasn't stepped on, bitten, or kicked anyone for a week.

Rasp: Abrasive metal tool used to remove excess skin from ones knuckles.

Lunging: Popular training method in which a horse exercises their owner by spinning them in circles until dizzy.

Gallop: Customary gait a horse chooses when returning back to the barn.

Nicely Started: Lunges, but not enough health insurance to even think about riding him.

Colic: Gastrointestinal result of eating at horse fair food stands.

Colt: What your mare gives you when you want a filly.

Easy to Load: Only takes 3 hours, 4 men, a 50lb bag of oats, and a tractor with loader.

Easy to Catch: In a 10x10 stall.

Easy Rider: Rides good in a trailer; not to be confused with "ride-able".

Endurance Ride: End result when your horse spooks and runs away with you.

Hives: What you get when receive the vet bill for your 6 horses, 3 dogs, 4 cats, and 1 donkey.

Hobbles: Walking gait of a horse owner after their foot has been stepped on by their horse. **Feed:** Expensive substance used to manufacture manure.

Dog House: What you are in when you spend too much money on grooming supplies and pretty halters.

Light Cribber: We can't afford to build anymore fencing or box stalls for this buzz saw on four legs.

Three Gaited Horse: A horse that. 1) trips, 2) stumbles, 3) falls.

****Have You Seen These Horses?***

STOLEN HORSE: Chestnut filly **MISSING** from her pasture in East Hayward Foothills at the top of Old Quarry Road on November 1st...She is 3.5 years and would never have left her mother or the pasture... Brandi has a full blaze down her face, is chestnut, knows her name and is very trusting and affectionate with humans...She is appx 15.5, about 1000lbs. PLEASE CALL 415-573-9436 with any info leading to her rescue...REWARD OFFERED. She could be anywhere in the fields around Garin Park in E. Hayward . Photo on <http://www.bayequest.com> . Reply to: lanestarling@earthlink.net

MISSING HORSE: Lost horse in San Martin; he broke a fence board in his field on the corner of Chris Ln and Foothill in San Martin , CA on Monday November 26, and disappeared. He is a 4 year old dark brown bay 15 ½ hand tall warmblood with no other markings; answers to the name, Bravo. He has shoes on all four hooves and a week old bite mark on The top of his left rump. He has allergies to all hay except orchard grass, allergic to corn, oats, rice bran, barn dust and flies. There is a \$3000 reward for his safe return. Please contact with any information, (408) 406-9733 or (408) 313-4439.

****BARGAIN CORRAL****

Please contact Merrielee at csharegion10@yahoo.com or 831-320-0354 if you want to post an ad. Ads are for Region 10 members only (another great reason to join!).

For Sale: Barrel saddle, Charmayne James. 14.5" rough out ostrich inlay seat, rough out fenders. Hand tooled. \$1385 or best. Seven D Barrel/Roping combination. Saddle used three times! 14.5 " roughout seat hand tooled. \$1150.00. Call Rachele for pictures. 831-905-5450

For Sale: "Julie Bond Leo" AQHA 17 yr old liver chestnut mare. 15.2 hh Reining, western pleasure or riding, broodmare. Great temperament, big heart and sound! Smooth with nice stops! Loves to show. Vets, shoes, ties, bathes, clips and trailers does it all. \$5500.00 Claire 831-359-9144 or e-mail at www.mcjjfrancis@yahoo.com for pictures.

For Sale: Black zip up size 3 Devon II Ariat paddock boots in excellent condition (used only a couple of times). Style # 50505. Retail for \$80 asking \$65.00. Also for sale Del Mar purple schooling helmet size small, never used, \$25.00. Rachele-(831) 905-5450 or rdy2226@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 16" Crosby English saddle includes stirrups. Asking \$325.00 OBO. E-mail for pictures. Rachele-(831) 905-5450 or rdy2226@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: Used Crosby "Hunterdon" 16 1/2" Close Contact with Spring Seat English Saddle. Has a wide tree. Comes with leathers and heavy 5" German Irons. In Good Condition. \$350.00 obo. Ellen 831-247-3148.

For Sale: New -- Never Used -- "Ovation" Jumping Saddle 16" Close Contact. Has Knee Rolls. Excellent Condition. Leather is very soft. Light Havana in color. Lists new for \$1,1100.00. Asking \$700.00. Ellen 831-247-3148.

For Sale: Used "Borelli" 17" English Saddle with Knee Rolls. In Good Condition. Comes with Leathers and Irons. Used for Lessons. \$100.00 obo. Ellen 831-247-3148.

For Sale: Ready-made and custom-made western pleasure shirts by Linda. I also provide professional alterations for all show clothing. Linda Bettencourt-Ward-(831) 636-8665 or (408) 804-2689.